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The Kansas City Chiefs are very well respected here in Kansas City, as I'm sure most teams are in other communities. One of the aspects of the great game-day experience is the crowd. We pack Arrowhead every game day. The fans make for a loud and vibrant game, as shown by the Guinness Book of Records for loudest stadium in 2013. The businesses around the stadium thrive from the extra patronage. With that said, it concerns me that the FCC is considering a change to the rule that makes this all possible.

The blackout rule ensures that the games are broadcast for free. Over the Air television is vital to so many people relying on it, including many of my neighbors. If the FCC changes the blackout rule, cable companies will be able to work around the local blackouts, this would mean there is little incentive for fans to attend the game. Those of us that still rely on Over the Air TV will be left in the dark.

The NFL's blackout rule was originally put into effect years ago to make sure the stadium was full week after week. I can tell you from experience, at Arrowhead, it's always a packed house. This full stadium brings a positive economic impact back to the cities and neighborhoods that rely on them. I know just how much some neighborhoods in Kansas City struggle first-hand, and I can directly see the benefit this stadium brings.

In Kansas City, there's been one blackout since 1990, and there were only a couple across the country last year. Why change such an effective system that is working as it was intended?

Please, for the sake of Kansas City fans, reconsider any changes you had planned for the sports blackout rule. We stand behind our Chiefs. Please don't leave us in the dark.

Kind regards,

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